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Surface Transportation Board
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Re: STB Docket No. AB-490 (Sub-No. 2X)
Greenville County Economic Development Corporation (GCEDC) – Abandonment
Exemption – in Greenville County, SC

Personnel with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (DNR) have reviewed the proposed project, evaluated its impact on natural resources and offer the following comments.

DNR has no objection to the proposed abandonment of the rail line between milepost AJK 585.34 and milepost AJK 588.63. We recommend that GCEDC consider conversion of all or portions of the corridor to recreational rail trails if the proposed trail use arrangement allowing for the preservation of the rail corridor for future reactivation as a rail freight and commuter or high speed passenger line is not possible.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project and provide comments. Should you have any questions or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at mixong@dnr.sc.gov or by phone at 803.734.3282.

Sincerely,


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